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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

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www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

Last month I had the opportunity to speak to a group of community leaders at EAC as a guest of Achieve60AZ, an educational advocacy group working to get at least 60% of Arizona citizens some type of post-secondary degree **or** certification. We have a lot of options to elevate our current and incoming work force, and luckily, we have EAC who is vitally important to this endeavor.

The Graham County Fair activities brought our students out and served as a venue to showcase their many talents. Congratulations to the schools who entered the parade and/or exhibits.

The Arizona School Boards Assoc. Graham/Greenlee county visit was hosted by Morenci and they did such an awesome job. Several of our school board members were honored with service awards, meaning they have been taking the education sessions offered throughout the year to improve their knowledge and better serve their schools. Thank you for continuing your education!

I am extremely thankful for the caliber of people we have in our communities. Last month service clubs in our area were out in force. They worked the Harvest Festival while others were gathering diapers and making comfort items for home visitations. There was a coat drive sponsored by a local church. SEACAB, Graham County, the City of Safford and several volunteers improved the Little Hollywood neighborhood by ridding it of illegally dumped material and making it less attractive to drug dealing. Remember our Veterans and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Hours: Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

The annual Double R
Media food drive
competition has begun!

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 6-7 —ADE here for Special Education training—Safford Technology Training Center

Nov. 11—Veterans Day

Nov. 13—New Teachers Coalition, Graham Co. General Services Building 4:30—6:00

Nov. 15—Math 20/20 for grade 2/3 teachers

Nov. 18—Graham / Greenlee Superintendents meeting—Solomon

Nov. 21—Math 20/20 for grades 4/5

Nov. 22—ADE Family support and Engagement, General Services Bldg.

Nov. 28—Thanksgiving

Nov. 6-7, 2019 Building Success

ONE TRANSITION AT A TIME

2019 SECONDARY TRANSITION REGIONAL TRAINING— Safford, AZ

The Arizona Department of Education/Exceptional Student Services Secondary Transition Unit is excited to bring back secondary transition regional training to Arizona for the 2019-2020 school year.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Instruction/activity

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Instruction/activity

Day 1 (Nov. 6th)

“Using Assessments to Build a Foundation”

- ☐ A close look at the age-appropriate transition assessment process as the foundation of best practices in transition planning.
- ☐ Strategies and resources will be provided to help the IEP team make informed decisions for realistic and attainable postsecondary goals.
- ☐ *Day 1 will include a very brief review of compliance requirements. For compliance training, please contact your ESS Program Support & Monitoring Specialist.*

Day 2 (Nov. 7th)

“Putting It All Together”

- ☐ Workshop style that will cover all five components of a successful (and compliant) transition plan
- ☐ Participants will learn best practice strategies for development and documentation of the transition plan and how to implement the strategies and resources learned on Day 1.
- ☐ The day will end with an activity that will bring the whole process together.

To register, please visit the [ADE Event Management System](#) and search for “Secondary Transition Regional Training”. If you need additional information, please contact the Secondary Transition Unit at 602-542-3855 or email ESSTransition@azed.gov.

Spelling Bee Information!

It's time to start planning for the 2020 Graham County Spelling Bee. Information has been sent to each school, but we are including some important dates here since the registration window has already opened.

Enrollment

- To be eligible to participate in your county or regional bee and ultimately in the Arizona Spelling Bee, schools **must** enroll with Scripps.
- Only students from schools (public, charter, private, or home schools) that are enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee (<https://spellingbee.com/enrollment>) will be eligible to participate in your County/Regional Bee and in the Arizona Spelling Bee.

Regular enrollment period: October 15, 2019 through December 20, 2019

School fee: \$240; Individual home school family fee: \$190

Scripps does not accept purchase orders. Follow enrollment instructions; an **invoice and W-9** will be generated from the www.spellingbee.com website along with instructions as to where payment must be mailed. If you pay using a check you may print a custom invoice for your school. **Please note that a \$7.50 check handling fee will apply.**

Materials made available to individual schools who are enrolled with Scripps are:

- Official study lists for students, organized by grade level
- Study materials for each school spelling champion
- Official pronouncer guides for classroom and school spelling bees
- Scripps Book List
- A free one-year subscription to Britannica Online for Kids to award to one student.

The Graham County Spelling Bee will be held

Wednesday February 19, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room

The winner from the Graham County Spelling Bee will represent us at the Arizona State Spelling Bee which will be held

Saturday March 21, 2020

12:00 noon at the Eight/Arizona PBS Studios

555 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ

The Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held

Late May/Early June 2020 in Washington, DC

Turning household objects into toys for young kids

For anyone who's ever seen a baby, toddler or preschooler open a gift and then toss aside the shiny new toy to instead play with the box, the American Academy of Pediatrics says kids may know what's best for them.

The organization recently came out with a recommendation that the best toys for young children are the simple ones. And we're talking very simple, like every day household objects.

First Things First reminds parents that children explore and make sense of the world around them through play. In fact, research has shown that play impacts everything from physical abilities and vocabulary to problem solving, creativity, teamwork and empathy.

Playing with ordinary household items allows a young child to explore their world and found objects. With babies, it's as simple as grasping an object and holding on to it. Families can focus on introducing objects that stimulate curiosity. Babies are fascinated by their surroundings, especially faces and bright colors. You can use something as simple as a small, lightweight scarf to play peek-a-boo or use it as a prop as you make up stories. By adding music to the scarf play, you can get your baby moving and sharpen their listening skills as you give directions.

For toddlers between 1 and 3 years old, look for objects that encourage imagination and problem solving. They enjoy playing hide-and-seek with different objects. As a toddler, your child may begin to arrange objects, which eventually turns into sorting and classifying them. This allows the child to develop thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

For preschoolers from ages 3 to 5, look to use objects that will help preschoolers relate to each other and the world around them. Encourage their imagination by creating a pirate's telescope using a paper towel roll.

First Things First offers these 10 suggestions on every day household objects that can be used as toys that promote early learning:

1. Plastic cups – can be used to sort items.
2. Toilet paper rolls – tape two together and create binoculars for a game of I Spy.
3. Whisk – babies love to hold whisks, but as your child gets older you can use a whisk in the bath to swirl the water or make patterns in the sand.
4. Cardboard boxes – depending on the size, boxes can be used in a variety of ways. Facial tissue boxes make excellent building blocks to build towers.
5. Plastic containers – use to sort items by color and size, take them into the bath to pour water.
6. Leaves – rustling leaves outside. Let your toddler walk through a pile of leaves. They'll enjoy the rustling and crunching sounds underneath their feet. For preschoolers, they can paint the leaves and use them to make patterns.
7. Screw-top plastic water bottle – fill with pasta or beans to make a shaker. Or use them as bowling pins, to knock down with a ball.

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8. Pots and pans and wooden spoon – teach your toddler about rhythm by banging on the pots.
9. Laundry basket – use to throw rolled-up socks or have them use their imagination to sit inside and drive a car or steer a boat.
10. Everyone’s favorite: old blankets, sheets and towels – use to build an indoor or outdoor fort.

To encourage imaginative play at home, parents and caregivers only have to look around the house to keep little ones entertained.

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About First Things First – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early learning, family support and children preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.



The Graham County School Office is hosting an ADE Early Childhood Training in Safford on Nov. 22nd.

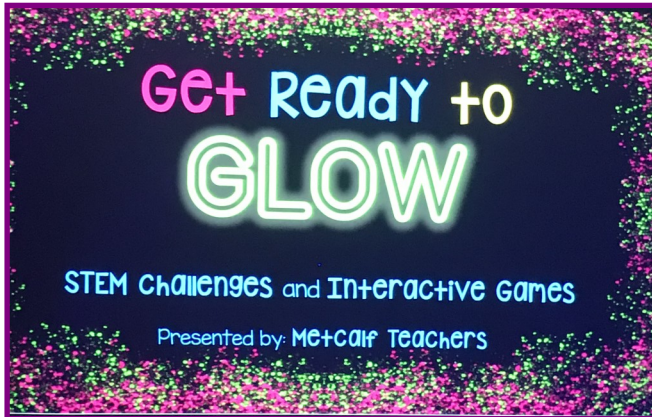
“Family Engagement and Support” is free, but you must register.

Register here:

[https://ems.azed.gov//home/SearchResults?SearchString=family engagement and support](https://ems.azed.gov//home/SearchResults?SearchString=family+engagement+and+support)

Speaking of early childhood....

The County Superintendents hosted the first Early Childhood Coalition meeting/training of the year, and our friends at Morenci Metcalf knocked it out of the park! Our early childhood teachers were treated to demonstrations of how to “Get Your Glow On” for fun STEM activities. Thank you principal Jennifer Morales, assistant principal Chelsea Adams and teachers Benji Morales, Andrea Hudman, Tiffany Saenz, and Stephanie Saldana for going the extra mile (literally) to set up such a fun environment meant to motivate and engage both teachers and students. Well done!



Did you miss this fun Early Childhood Coalition meeting? No worries—the team has been invited to present at SEATA in June!

The next coalition meeting will be hosted by First Things First. Look for details coming your way soon!



Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!



All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joining E.A.S.I.! It's easy!

2019—2020 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

Monthly Meetings – DPC Ranch House 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

(Generally the second Wednesday of each month.)

Wed. Nov. 13, 2019
Wed. Dec. 11, 2019
Wed. Jan. 8, 2020

Wed. Feb. 12, 2020
Wed. March 11, 2020
Wed. April 8, 2020
Wed. May 13, 2020

More events—save these dates!

Thurs.-Fri. Nov. 7&8 ASTA Annual Conference

Sat. Jan. 25 G.O. STEAM Camp

Sat. Feb. 28-29 Gila Valley Health & STEAM Festival

Th-Sat, March 5-7 or 12-14 Eastern AZ Regional Science Fair Competition

Thurs. Apr. 16 EarthDay @ DPC

Sat. April 20 EASI 5th & 6th Grade Saturday Science Camp

Sat. May 2 (AST-129) MGIO Docent Training

Tues.-Fri. May 26-29 Tonto Creek Camp (Payson)

Mon.-Thr, June 1-4 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA)

Mon.-Thr. June 15-18 EASI High School Camp

Mon.-Wed. June 15-17 EASI Summer Science Camp



Move Mining is a dynamic competition aimed at elevating the perception of mining. From grassroots to global, teams pitch their best ideas on how to share the everyday importance of mining with the public.

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How does it work?

Get involved with Move Mining by submitting an original, 3-minute video showcasing your idea to improve the perception of mining. Five finalists will present their concepts live on February 23, 2020, at the MineXChange SME Annual Conference & Expo.

Why submit to Move Mining?

- It empowers you to change the perception of mining on a global level through creativity, design, and ingenuity.
- The experience allows you to showcase your professional and personal passion for the industry.
- You can make connections with like-minded individuals and companies, while reaching beyond the industry to impact the public's perception of mining.

What are the Prizes?

The top winning team will receive **\$5,000**, with a 2nd place prize of **\$3,000** cash and 3rd place prize of **\$2,000** cash.

All of the details can be found at www.movemining.org.

Entries accepted September 9 – November 20.
Submit early for more time to promote the video and gain
People's Choice votes!





movemining

Next Gen



Spread the word! Here's a challenge for K-12 students!

Do you have a child or grandchild, a neighbor or a friend who loves a challenge? Do you have a nearby school or after school program that is looking to engage students in different ways? The Minerals Education Coalition would like to help you engage your K-12 students in learning—and demonstrate that learning—in a new way.

Move Mining Next Gen is a competition that asks students to answer the question:

Why is mining important to our lives?

With teamwork, research, writing, planning and production, your students can put their findings to use to help a world audience **learn how** important minerals are to their daily lives.

With online voting, students' work can be seen globally. The world can see how students use science, technology, literacy and performance skills to give their research a purpose.

How does it work?

Students get a team together, research mined minerals that **are important to their lives**, then submit their three-minute (or less) video for the opportunity to share their ideas with the world! The grand prize is \$1,000! One video will win the People's Choice award (\$500)—early submissions have the advantage of more time for online voting. There are \$250 prizes for grade category winners. Expert judges select the winners. Videos can be made in any format!



Feel free to share this opportunity with your family, neighbors, local schools, teachers, students, and their parents to get the ball rolling. All of the details, pointers and parent/guardian consent forms can be found at www.moveminingnextgen.org. Be sure to also go to www.movemining.org to learn about the annual Move Mining competition.

**The competition is open September 9 – January 22.
Submit early for more time to promote your video for
People's Choice votes!**



Graham/Greenlee New Teacher Coalition

I am pleased to announce we have begun the third year of our “Supporting and Sustaining Teachers” project. With generous funding from the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties, and support from our business community, we are able to invite educators to participate in the *New Teacher Coalition*. We have completed two sessions and four more will be offered throughout the year. We provide materials to assist with classroom management, integrating technology and best practices, understanding grant writing processes, etc. The business community is providing tokens of appreciation and information on real estate, loan forgiveness, and other support. Ultimately, 40-50 new teachers in our two counties are finding a whole network of support from within their own districts as well as from other teachers and the county offices. We want to attract and retain the best educators for our students, and our work with the coalition goes a long way toward reaching this goal. If you are new to the profession, a long-term sub, new to your school and/or Graham and Greenlee, you are invited to attend!! Save these dates!

Schedule: Nov. 13th, Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th

All meetings will be held on Wednesdays in the General Services Building Assembly Room, from 4:30—6:00. We are meeting a little later to accommodate all schedules.

Math 20/20

Teachers in Graham and Greenlee have been participating in professional development which focuses on grade-level cohorts across districts to thoroughly implement math-specific content and pedagogy for that grade level. It also equips leaders to support teachers in implementing a transformative vision for teaching math. The Graham County School Office facilitated the trainings which began in 2015-2016. We have been able to meet with the K-8 teachers in most of the districts in our two counties.

This year we are circling back to catch up the teachers who are new to their grade levels. They remaining trainings are scheduled on the following dates:

For grades 2/3

Nov. 15
Dec. 6
Jan. 16
Feb. 28

For grades 4/5

Nov. 21
Jan. 24
Feb. 21
March 9



Dear Staff Members,

Trying to understand all the possible ways to better manage your student loans is a daunting task. With their financial planning approach, the student loan Advisors at Fiducius help you navigate and determine your best option, including forgiveness, refinancing and consolidation. They may help you lower, or even eliminate, your student loan payment. Through your student loan savings, you can invest in yourself further with the help of American Fidelity.

Your education colleagues nationwide already working with Fiducius have reduced their monthly payments by an average of **84%** and are projected to receive an average of **\$72,338** in tax-free loan forgiveness.

It's easy to get started with this new benefit. You can determine your eligibility and potential savings in just a few minutes and then talk with an advisor on the phone at your convenience, by using the following link:

Visit [Graham County + Fiducius](#) to register

“Fiducius makes handling my student loans truly stress-free. Going through the process with them was easy and they did all the work for me. These days I’m able to focus more on my busy teaching and coaching schedule while celebrating my \$0 payment every month! Fiducius has been great and I continue to spread their life-changing message.” Jordan B., Teacher

Fiducius will fully educate you about all available options and provide a personalized Student Loan Financial Wellness Plan at no cost before you decide whether or not to use their services. As with other voluntary benefits, like life insurance, you only pay Fiducius when you choose to use their services.

We encourage you to take a step to improve your financial wellness and learn if Fiducius can help you better manage your student loans.

Questions, or trouble logging in? Call **1.513.645.5400**, [email](#) or visit their [website](#) for more information and success stories.

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GeoNomics: Geography & Economics Take on Water and Weather

Join the Arizona Geographic Alliance and the Arizona Council on Economic Education at the i.d.e.a. Museum for a fun-filled workshop featuring a tour of the new "Weather or Not: Art with Atmosphere" exhibit, lesson demonstrations and new ideas for integrating the study of geography, economics and art for grades K-5.

\$20 Registration fee is refundable upon attendance.

The workshop includes dinner, curriculum, and 2 hours of professional development.

When

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM MST

Where

i.d.e.a. Museum
150 W Pepper Pl
Mesa, AZ 85201
Contact

Teresa Mungai
Arizona Council on Economic Education
480-368-8020
programs@azecon.org

Register here: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07egla5ouf5eeb9731&llr=mwireqcab>

AzGA Featured Lesson:

Don't Be Such a Drip: Water Conservation

Description: In this lesson, students will gain a better understanding of how to help conserve water through creating a graph of a water experiment.

Author: Gail Gorry

Grade Range: 2-3

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/179>

GeoChallenge - Want a project-based learning challenge for your students?

Bring project-based learning to your classroom through the National Geographic GeoChallenge! This annual standards-based competition empowers student teams in grades 5-8 to address a critical issue and change the planet, just like a National Geographic Explorer. This year's theme is Tackling Plastic. Register today at: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/programs/geochallenge/>

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Education

Just for Kids

<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/kids/>

Videos, group activities, origami, outdoor and tabletop challenges, and a bunch of other projects that are fun, entertaining, and educational.

ALSO sections for students and huge section for teachers.

NOAA Posters and imagery for your classroom and students

Interested in exciting your students about marine life? NOAA has posters and imagery for your classroom/facility, virtual and on-the-water professional development opportunities, marine technology programs for students, rocky intertidal monitoring, shipwrecks, ocean acidification, and so much more. Or unleash your students in our [Flickr account](#) to download high resolution, public domain photos for reports and science fair projects. Need more general ocean and atmosphere photos? Check out the [NOAA Photo Library](#) at <https://photolib.noaa.gov/>.

Storm Trackers: Tropical Storms Around the World

Description: In this lesson, students will learn to identify the regions in which tropical storms occur, the characteristics/conditions of those regions which result in tropical storms, and practice using the cross product method to solve proportions of travel speed of tropical storms to estimate the time it will hit a specified location, the distance it will travel, or its rate of travel.

Author: Gretchen Loken

Grade Range: 6-8

Duration: 2 class periods <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/231>

National Geographic Seeks State Competitions Coordinator for Arizona

National Geographic is seeking a detail-oriented individual who can serve as the event organizer for two student competitions in Arizona—the GeoBee and the GeoChallenge. The role also involves serving as the competition administrator for the state-level GeoBee. In 2020, the state-level event will be held March 27. The coordinator receives expense money to organize the event and a stipend of \$2,000 upon completion of the tasks. Please contact Chelsea Zillmer, Director of the National Geographic GeoBee, at czillmer@ngs.org regarding this position.

Free Teaching Guide: Bureau of Land Management

The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management's latest teaching guide provides middle school teachers with three activities to explore conflict and collaboration between emigrants and American Indians and trace historic trails. ([Read more](#))

Safford City-Graham County Library

What can the library do for you?

Online
Tutoring
through
Tutor.com

Library Tours
and
Field Trips



Research
Databases

Downloadable
ebooks and
audiobooks

For more information
call 928-432-4165 or visit
saffordlibrary.org



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Free Gift to Our Children!

Since 2001, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has put free books in the hands of young children across the nation. We now have an Imagination Library in our community. If you're a resident of Graham or Greenlee county, you can receive free books mailed to your home each month.

Who is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) of Graham or Greenlee County.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Graham or Greenlee Counties.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (forms must be approved and on file with Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library) or [REGISTER ONLINE](#)
3. Notify Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address below in order to continue receiving books.
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue as long as the grant funding is available to the Safford Library. We hope that this is until your child turns five or you move out of Graham or Greenlee County.

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Imagination Library Coordinator @ (928) 432-4155. It sounds almost too good to be true! But by reading regularly to your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

The Imagination Library Project is brought to you by First Things First (www.azfff.gov) and the Safford Friends of the Library.





Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free.

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[DISCOVER MORE](#)



Teacher Blog: Using Your Voice

An educator shares how she learned to use her "teacher voice."

[READ MORE](#)



Why do we smell different when we're sick? Why does cheese smell like feet? Why don't vultures get sick from eating rotting meat?

Science is filled with stories: some of them are beautiful and some of them are gross. Really gross. *Gross Science*, a YouTube series hosted by Anna Rothschild, tells bizarre stories from the slimy, smelly, creepy world of science.

[Boost Student Engagement in Science](#)



Water-Wise Farms: Bringing Irrigation to the 21st Century

[Learn More](#)

Kindness, Empathy, and Inclusion in the Classroom

During National Bullying Prevention Month, encourage kindness in your classroom with these activities, videos, tips and guides.

[EXPLORE COLLECTION](#)

[Read: How Caring for Living Things Helps Kids Build Empathy](#)

[Download: How to Help Students Understand the Effects of Bullying](#)

[Register: Free Webinar on Using Shared Reading to Teach and Engage All](#)

STEM Field Trip Days

The Arizona Diamondbacks also host STEM Field Trip Days which allow students to engage in STEM-related activities throughout the ballpark.

STEM Field Trip Days have educational programming highlighted by the D-backs Science of Baseball Show that teaches the math and science behind baseball.

As an additional benefit, each student/teacher/chaperone in attendance will receive TWO TICKETS to attend a future Dbacks home game. Tickets will be mailed to your school after the field trip. For more information visit dbacks.com/education.

For more information about these programs, contact the Arizona Diamondbacks Community Affairs department at dbacksfoundation@dbacks.com.

PCM-G is Supporting STEM Teachers Who Need Technology. You Can Help!

How it Works

Four times per year, PCM-G will feature three teachers on their website. Each teacher is eligible to receive a \$2,000 classroom grant. That's where you come in. [Click here](#) to vote for the teacher you believe is most deserving. The winning teacher will be awarded the \$2,000 grant and automatically entered in the final \$10,000 Grand Technology Prize round. Each of the remaining teachers will receive \$600 to use towards classroom supplies.

The 12 finalists were selected based on the strength of their individual proposals and teach at schools in need of technology for their students.

Do you want to help support even more STEM teachers nationwide? [Check out the AdoptAClassroom.org STEM Fund](#)

National VSA Intersections: Arts and Special Education Conference

2020 Arizona Poetry Out Loud [Registration is now open!](#)

Poetry Out Loud invites the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into the high school language arts classroom. Through Poetry Out Loud, students can master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage.

Teachers who would like to participate register themselves for the program. Once registered, each participating teacher/school receives free multimedia curriculum materials – a poetry anthology, audio guide, teachers' guide, posters and comprehensive website (www.poetryoutloud.org) all aligned to national standards – augmenting their regular poetry curriculum with poetry recitation and a classroom-level competition. School-level recitation champions compete to advance to the regional, state and then national levels.

[REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL](#)

Measuring 3-Dimensional Science Learning

ASTA 65TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 7-8, 2019

AZ SPACE CHALLENGER CENTER

Who Should Attend?

Pre-K through Post-Secondary Teachers, Pre-Service Teachers,
Teacher Leaders, Informal Science Educators

Why?

Day 1: In-depth 3-hour sessions to support shift of instruction
required by the new science standards; Celebration of outstanding
science teachers

Day 2: Over 30 Workshops in Three Focus Strands; Keynote
Presenter - Kaci Steins; STEM Playground; Exhibit Hall; Network with
Science Educators

How to Register?

Cost (includes lunch): ASTA Member Sale Price*

\$200; Non-ASTA Member Sale Price*

\$240;

Group Rates Available

For more information:

ASTA is grateful to
Challenger Space
Center Arizona for
hosting the confer-
ence



Rural Activation and Innovation Network



RAIN STEM

Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

STEM Grants!

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers and Community STEM Educators:

Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: 4azrain.org

[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)

Please forward your grant awards and we will publish them in this newsletter.

United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Education Grant Opportunities

Goal Statement:

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:

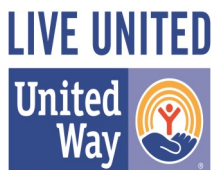
The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

Apply Now!

Visit the United Way website at www.uwggc.com - Click on "How to Apply"

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc

pleblanc@aznex.net



United Way of Graham
& Greenlee Counties

Grant opportunities

Donors Choose

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to DonorsChoose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

NEA Foundation—Student Achievement Grants

Amount: \$2,000—\$5,000

Who may apply: Public school preK-12 teachers

Deadline: Open

Description: For programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students, for a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects; may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology.

Link: <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-achievement-grants/>

Education Theatre Foundation—Linda P. Wise Grant for Theatre Educators

Amount: \$2,500 and up

Who may apply: Teachers in school theatre programs

Deadline: Open

Description: To fund programs to enhance productions and technical theatre capacity for performances at a middle or high school.

Link: <https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/grants>

DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms

The Walmart Foundation— Community Grant Program

Amount: Up to \$5,000 each

Who may apply: Public or private schools, non-profit organizations

Deadline: Rolling basis through December 31, 2019

Description: For project in hunger relief and healthy eating, health and human services, quality of life, education, community and economic development, diversity and inclusion, public safety, and environmental sustainability.

Link: <http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Freeport-McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants

Who: K—12 Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: March 15 each year (window: Dec. 1—March 15)

<http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/stem-grant>

Name: Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education

Who: Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: \$100-\$500

Deadline: August 30, 2019 (plan ahead for next year!)

Freeport-McMoRan Employee Engagement Programs

Employee Matching Gifts Program - The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation will match employee contributions of \$25 or more, up to an annual maximum of \$40,000. The first \$1,000 contributed per eligible nonprofit organization (including schools) will be double matched and any amount above \$1,000 will be single matched, subject to the annual maximum.

Employee Volunteer Fund - Freeport-McMoRan is proud to support employees that give their time and effort to help those in need by offering funds to match unpaid volunteer hours served. When an employee volunteers a minimum of 25 hours a year with a nonprofit organization (including schools), the organization is eligible to earn either a \$250 or \$500 grant.

FM Employees may learn more about both programs and access the link to process their requests by visit this webpage: <https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/employees/employee-engagement-programs>

Support My Club – An e-commerce solution where donors can support the needs of high school clubs and sports. Clubs post their specific needs and donors “shop” for items that speak to them. Items are added to the online cart, donors make a 100% tax-deductible purchase and [Support My Club](#) delivers the item directly to the school!

For every \$100 of value received, the school club completes 1 hour of community service, allowing the receiver to become the giver and the cycle of philanthropy to continue.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution DAR Historic Preservation Grants

Who: Non-profit groups including schools

Amount: Up to \$10,000 **Deadline:** Dec. 31, 2019

Funding to provide financial support to projects in local communities to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/dar-historic-preservation-grants>

Grant opportunities

AZEdNews Classroom Grants for Arizona Teachers

Amount: \$200 each

Deadline: Awarded quarterly Sept., Dec., Feb., and April

To reward teachers for programs that enhance classroom learning. Describe how your initiative or program impacts student achievement and how it reflects the priorities of the governing board and district.

<https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/>

SRP History and Social Science Grants

Who: K-12 teachers and schools

Amount: Up to \$2,500

Deadline: Feb 28, 2020

To help educators present academic content and teach skills in the interrelated disciplines of history, geography, civics, government, and economics.

<https://www.srpnet.com/education/grants/default.aspx>

SRP Learning Grants

Who: K-12 teachers and schools

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: Feb 28, 2020

To support innovative teaching strategies that improve student performance objectives in math and science.

<https://www.srpnet.com/education/grants/default.aspx>

Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing and the Association for Library Service to Children Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award

Who: Public district and charter schools, private schools, non-profit groups, libraries

Amount: Up to \$4,000 **Deadline: Nov. 15, 2019**

To support a visit by a nationally recognized children's book author or illustrator to a community, with emphasis on providing opportunities for children and youth for whom a visit with an author/illustrator is a first-time experience.

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/hayesaward>

Classics for Kids Foundation Instrument Grant Program

Who: All schools

Amount: Unspecified Dec 31, 2019 (quarterly)

To support the role of fine instruments in your program; must show evidence of need and commitment to raising matching funds

<https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Grant opportunities

Bridgestone Americans Trust Fund—Education, Youth and Development Grants

Who: All schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Include expanding K-12 music education and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

Verizon Foundation Education Grants

Who: Public and charter PreK—12 schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Supports STEM education activities such as summer or after-school programs, teacher training, and research on improving learning in STEM areas through use of technology.

<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements>

Lockheed Martin Corporation—STEM Education Outreach

Who: Public and charter PreK-12 schools, colleges, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

To support STEM education outreach activities for K-grade 16 students programs, events, and campaigns that focus on student achievement, teacher development, and gender and ethnic diversity.

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/applying-for-contributions.html>

Saxena Foundation STEM Grants

Who: All K-12 schools, non-profits

Amount: \$5,000 and up

Deadline: Awarded year-round

For initiatives that promote STEM education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>

Arizona State Museum

K-12 School Programs

[CLICK HERE](#) for details, pricing and to schedule your visit

From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

- ◆ A citizen can text GRAHAMTIP to 79516 and type the message they want to submit.
- ◆ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ◆ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ◆ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ◆ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ◆ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

Free Basic First Aid/CPR Class

The Health Department will host an American Heart Association CPR/ First Aid Class on November 9th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the General Services Assembly Room. We have a limit of 21 seats available so call the Health Department and reserve yours at 928-428-0110.

Teen Vaping

On December 31, 2018 the Arizona Department of Health Services launched a vape prevention campaign called "Facts Over Flavor" geared toward Arizona youth ages 9 to 13. The goal of the Facts over Flavor campaign is to prevent the initiation of vape use among Arizona youth.

This web site can be found at this address: <https://factsoverflavor.com/>

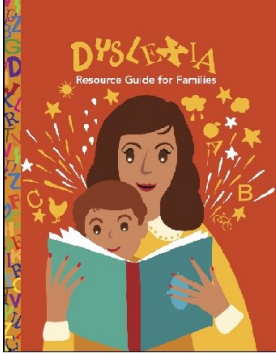
Information from Child Mind Institute and Arizona Department of Health Services

Reminder: Get Your Flu Shot!

Be sure to get a flu vaccination every year for you and your family: People need a new annual flu vaccine because flu viruses often change from year to year. Flu vaccines are created to try to match predicted annual changes in flu viruses. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.

Visit the Community Bulletin Board on the Graham County Website

<https://www.graham.az.gov/632/Community-Bulletin-Board>



Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families Now Available!

Download and share the Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families, a new, parent-friendly resource for families with children 0-12 who want to learn more about dyslexia, what dyslexia might look like in their child and what they can do to support their child if they have dyslexia. [Download the free pdf here.](#) Read On Arizona extends our sincere appreciation to The Burton Family Foundation for its generous support of the printing and outreach of the *Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families*.

Crayola ColorCycle Program

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That's why we launched **Crayola ColorCycle**. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers. ColorCycle is also a great opportunity for teachers and their students to explore eco-friendly practices. Specially developed standards-based lesson plans are available to enrich instruction and promote lively class discussions.

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**Monthly Workshop Location: Graham County Health Department Annex Building—Upstairs
820 W. Main Street Safford, AZ 85546**

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

**Bring your lunch and join us for information and education on Dementia/
Alzheimer's/Memory Loss.**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019; March 10, 2020

Healthy Living for your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research—Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and the use of hands-on tool to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

Who will help
me become
the man
I want to be?



**When you foster a teen,
you won't just change their life...**
they'll change yours forever.

Teens need families. Thousands of teens in foster care are looking for the support and encouragement that families provide — not just until they turn 18.

Help a teen reach their full potential. Become a foster parent.

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1.866.329.2312
www.ArizonasChildren.org
FosterTeens@arizonaschildren.org

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What's New In SECC? Help a Foster Child



Help a Foster Child

Did you know that a child enters foster care every two minutes in the U.S.?

Did you know that more than 14,000 children live in the Arizona state foster care system?

Did you know that every year more than 800 children "age out" of the system when they turn 18 without finding a forever family?

Young people who age out of the foster care system have a higher chance of experiencing unemployment, homelessness and incarceration as adults.

- 1 out of 5 become homeless
- 1 out of 4 become incarcerated
- 33 percent graduate from high school and only 3 percent will ever go to college.

It is easier than ever to help a foster child. Several SECC charities qualify for the AZ Foster Care tax credit program! For information or to make your pledge [click here](#).

(Statistics provided by the DCS Quarterly Benchmark Progress Report, and from Hope & a Future.)

Did you know 
your SECC contribution
can cost you **NOTHING?**

There are 13 SECC charities that ALSO qualify for the **AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**. We've listed them here for your reference.

(Talk to your tax advisor about claiming donations - \$500 filing single, \$1,000 filing jointly - to these organizations as a tax credit.)

SECC CHARITIES THAT QUALIFY FOR THE AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT:

- Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
- Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation
- Arizona Helping Hands • ASA Now • Aviva Children's Services
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Foster Children
- Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.
- Child Crisis Arizona • Christian Family Care
- Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona
- GAP Ministries • More Than A Bed • Streetlight USA

Arizona Educational Acronyms Courtesy of the Yavapai County Education Service Agency

(continued from last month)

M

MD - Multiple Disabilities

MCESA – Maricopa County Education Service Agency

MET - Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team

MID - Mild Intellectual Disability

MOID - Moderate Intellectual Disability

MOU- Memorandum of Understanding

N

NAEP- National Assessment of Educational Progress

NACO –National Association of Counties

NASBE- National Association of State Boards of Education

NAU – Northern Arizona University

NCLB- No Child Left Behind

NEA- National Education Association

O

OCR - Office of Civil Rights (of US Department of Education)

OELAS – Office of English Language Acquisition Services

OHI - Other Health Impaired

OI - Orthopedic Impairments

OJT - On-the-Job Training

OSEP - Office of Special Education Programs

OSERS - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

OT - Occupational Therapy/Therapist

P

PCP - Person Centered Plan

PE - Physical Education

PFP – Pay for Performance

PPAC – Professional Practices Advisory Committee

PT - Physical Therapy/Therapist

Q

QTL- Qualifying Tax Levy

QTR- Qualifying Tax Rate